GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:261
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2002
IRREGULARITIES AT PETROL PUMPS
CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Anti Adulteration Cell has found eighty per cent petrol pumps in northern parts of the country involved in irregularities including adulteration in diesel, petrol, lubricants etc;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government against such petrol pump dealers; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to check such irregularities?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.261 B` CHARAN DAS MAHANT TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2002 REGARDING IRREGULARITIES AT PETROL PUMPS .

(a) : No, Sir. The Anti Adulteration Cell (in the retail outlets inspected by it) had detected approximately 20% cases of samples failure and another 60% cases of some malpractices and possible adulteration during the period from July, 2001 to July, 2002.

(b) : In all cases where adulteration/malpractices were detected, the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) concerned were asked to take action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement.

(c) : Besides the setting up of Anti Adulteration Cell, steps such as blue dyeing of Kerosene meant for Public Distribution System (PDS), regular/surprise inspection of the retail outlets, introduction of tamper proof locking system for tanker-trucks, special vigilance drives, etc., are taken by the OMCs.Action is taken by the OMCs against erring dealers under the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement. The State Governments also initiate action against any dealer indulging in adulteration of petroleum products and violation of any Control Orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.